

## **Minutes of the Public Works Committee - March 10, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Manke who led the committee with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chair Richard Manke, County Board Supervisors James Behrend (arrived at 8:37 a.m.), Jim Jeskewitz, Karl Nilson, Rodell Singert, David Swan; **Absent:** Peter Gundrum

**Staff Present:** County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legis.Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

**Also Present:** Bob Gibson (Consultant with Preston Corporation), Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Coordinator Shelly Cyrulik

### **Discuss Possible Community Corrections Programs in the Northview Facility**

Cyrulik and Gibson discussed possible programming. Manke said he sits on the Alternatives to Incarceration Sub-committee, and they are looking at a community corrections program. One of the things in the back of his mind is money that might have been used for the yellow house (CDBG funds) could go for planning something at Northview or wherever the community corrections concept goes.

Gibson said they are in the process of gathering program information for developing a day reporting center, which would be the beginning of bringing together all of the community correction activities. This would include all correction activities that occur outside of the jail in the community and would involve support activities, such as education, job-hunting, and treatment with the idea to bring everything into one organized design. Whether a person is pre-trial waiting to go to court under supervision or sentenced to Huber, etc., there would be an organized process to deal with the issues. The focus will be to establish programs that will lessen their chances for returning to jail.

Manke asked would Northview work as a temporary starting place and tie in with Huber? Gibson said two phases would be needed. At first there will be a temporary place, and then assuming it is successful, a larger place will be needed. Gibson added that this would be a place for programs not for people to live there.

Gibson said they are in the process of writing an alcohol drug court grant which is a request to the federal government for \$450,000 to be received over three years for setting up a system for people in treatment and supervision.

Swan asked would the house at 1120 Northview Road work for this program? Gibson said no because the building would require too much work. Swan asked what are you envisioning at Northview? Gibson said the Northview facility would not be the startup location but possibly used for the longer term. The question is will Northview continue to be used for the Metro Unit and Huber work release. They don't know exactly what to do for the short term, possibly rent somewhere or find some temporary place. Manke said the more people we can get involved in this the better. He has talked to Executive Finley regarding this issue.

### **Tour of the Justice Facility Addition**

At approximately 9:00 a.m. the committee went on a tour of the Justice Facility Addition led by Public Works Director Bolte, Architectural Services Mgr. Cerreta, and Sheriff Captain Schnabl.

### **Read Correspondence**

Letter from Professor Janet V. Brown to Chairman James Dwyer, Supervisor Keith Harenda, Senator Theodore Kanavas, and Representative Scott Jensen regarding her concerns on Executive Finley's plan to dismantle UW-Waukesha and join it with UW-Milwaukee.

### **Approve Minutes of March 2, 2005**

**Motion:** Singert moved, second by Behrend, to approve the minutes of 3/2/05. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

### **Reconsider the Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2005**

**Motion:** Singert moved, second by Behrend, to reconsider the Public Works minutes of 2/10/05.

**Motion carried 6 – 0.** Esler referred to the paragraph on Page 4 where there is a discrepancy which he went on to explain. He also referred to his email to Budget Manager Swartz, and said he agrees with Swartz that the minutes are not correct. Esler suggested a revision to the minutes.

**Motion:** Singert moved, second by Behrend, to approve the minutes of 2/10/05 as revised as follows: "There never was any explicit authorization to use our balance to make the 2005 payment, but when we adopted the budget for non-departmental there was a footnote saying the expenditure of this money in 2004 represented a plan commitment to fund River Rail for the next ten years with additional tax levy."

Swan questioned the commitment of ten years and how it is worded. Esler said it is not a commitment but planning to commit and you can choose not to do it in any given year. It is a plan commitment to set the pattern to commit levy to River Rail just like the balance is being used this year. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

### **Consider Proposed Ordinance 159-O-018: Dispose of Building at 1120 Northview Road (Tabled at meeting of 5/27/04)**

Manke said he would like to hold off until the next meeting before any action is taken. The committee agreed.

### **Tour of the Retzer Nature Center**

At approximately 10:40 a.m. the committee recessed and reconvened at the Retzer Nature Center at 11:00 a.m. for a tour. Pam Linn, Senior Landscape Architect, and Al Theis, Vice-President of Fischer-Fischer-Theis, Inc. led the tour of the planetarium for the Waukesha School District which seats 90-100 people. The Environmental Learning Center, which is part of the new construction, can accommodate up to 144 people. Each is on separate utility systems (school and county).

**Motion to adjourn:** Swan moved, second by Jeskewitz, to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodell L. Singert  
Secretary

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